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PENSION FOR ARTISTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing a monthly pension for those artists of various genres of yesteryears who are in indigent conditions;

(b) if so, the details of the total amount of such pensions granted to artists of various forms, State-wise during the last three years i.e. from 2004 to 2007;

(c) whether a large number of pension applications lying pending;

(d) if so, the details of such pending applications, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which this pendency is cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The year wise breakup of amount of pension granted state-wise in Central quota and Central-State quota during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 has been enclosed as Annexure-I A and I B respectively.

(c)to(e) : Besides 1262 existing beneficiaries (1010 in Central quota and 252 in Central State quota), 1650 fresh applications have been received so far. The State-wise break up of fresh applications has been enclosed as Annexure-II.The renewal of the pension of existing beneficiaries has already been started depending on the furnishing of Life and Income Certificate by them as envisaged in the Scheme.The processing of fresh applications has also been initiated as per procedure laid down in the scheme and sanctions will be issued to the artists selected subject to the availability of funds.